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NEW MEMBERSHIP SCHEDULE

As announced in the last Newsletter, membership rates have risen for the first time in several years. In addition to the previous levels of membership listed below, we have several new levels with extra benefits attached:

$50 Sustaining Member: Free copy of Fred Klein's book The Bisexual Option

$100 Sponsor: Bisexual Option plus free special dinner in their honor

$250 Patron: Bisexual Option, special dinner, and a copy of "Best of the BiMonthly"

$1000 Lifetime Member: All of the above, plus free admission to all Bi Center events (except special workshops)

We are also asking if people are willing to either make a single contribution to the Center now, or are willing to pledge a certain amount each month to the Center. For monthly pledges, we will send you a pre-addressed envelope to send in your pledge. And your name will be listed in the Bi Monthly. We have our State tax-exempt status, and the Federal, expected shortly, will be retroactive to our date of application.

BOARD MEETINGS

The next two meetings of the Board of Directors ofthe Bisexual Center will be held on Monday, March 12th and Monday, April 9th at the Bi Center. Meetings of the Board are open to Bi Center members only. We invite members who have a special interest in sharing their ideas and suggestions to attend.

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MEMBERSHIP

Gift membership?____Acknowledgement needed?____

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EVENTS

ST. PATRICKS DAY PARTY

Put on your green and break out the Vandermint! Come celebrate St. Patricks Day at the Bi Center. Join in the drinkin' of the green (punch) and dance to great rock 'n roll. Munchies and punch provided; please bring something to drink, to share. You better wear green or you might get pinched!

Date: Saturday, March 17
Time: 8:00 PM
Place: The Bi Center
Donation: $4 members; $6 non-members

SIDEWALK SALE

As a benefit for the parade, the proceeds from this weekend will go to buy the materials for the booth and to make flyers for the parade. Please donate saleable items and bring to the Bi Center by April 6th. If you need someone to pick up an item please call Nate, 235-7179 by April 1st.

Date: Saturday, April 7th and Sunday, April 8th
Time: 10:00 AM to sunset
Place: The Bi Center

INTIMATE EXPLORATIONS FOR BOTH MEN & WOMEN

Do you want more intimacy in your relationships? What is intimacy? Come join us for an evening of interpersonal exploration and intimate sharing. Each week will feature different exercises which will help you discover more about yourself, and will facilitate you in communicating and relating more intimately with others. Beginning Thursday, March 8 and continuing every Thursday evening through April 26th, at the Center, 7:30 PM. Donation: $4-$6.

(The facilitators, Floyd Goff-certified hypnotherapist, and Sonika Tinker- MSW candidate, have 11 years combined experience counseling individuals, facilitating workshops and running groups on sexuality, relationship & communication issues.)

FOOLS DAY PARTY

Come dressed as your favorite fool whether you come in costume or not, and we'll fool around!

Date: Saturday, March 31
Time: 8:00 PM
Place: The Bi Center
Donation: $4 members; $6 non-members

WOMENS EVENTS

WOMENS RAP GROUP

At 7:30 PM on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month, the Bisexual Center offers a drop-in rap group for women to share thoughts and feelings around issues of bisexuality. Not a self-help therapy/ support group or an intellectualization session, but an opportunity to meet with women and share relevant issues in our lives. Women of all sexual orientation welcome. A $3-$5 donation is requested.

ENTERTAINMENT NIGHT

For women. Finally, a chance for all you musicians, poets, song & story writers, artists, etc. to share your favorite compositions! Bring your poems, stories, artwork, music....anything you want to share (it doesn't have to be original)... or just bring yourself to be entertained!

Monday, March 26, 7:30 PM at the Center. $3-$5 donation requested.

MASSAGE NIGHT FOR WOMEN

Another surprise! Are your muscles tired & sore? Is your body in need of touch? Please join us for a marvelous evening of loving massage exchange. We will experience the giving and receiving of touch and massage in a completely different way (surprise!). Bring a sheet, some oil, a snack to share and lots of curiosity. Don't miss this experience! Your body deserves to be touched! At the Bi Center, Monday, April 30. $3-$5 donation. 7:30 PM.

INTIMATE EXPLORATIONS FOR WOMEN

Tired of superficial relationships? Come join us for an evening of honest, intimate sharing. Through a series of exercises, we will explore our inner selves and learn to communicate more intimately with others. At the Bi Center, 7:30 PM, Monday, April 23, Donation: $3-$5.

WOMEN'S FANTASIES

What do women <u>really</u> talk about when they're alone?

Well, the women's rap group got together for an old fashioned pajama party, and we talked, and talked, and talked. We talked about our fantasies involving women and we thought we'd share some of them with you.

"She is tall with big breasts, and firm smooth skin, red hair and blue eyes. I love to be seduced and she knows how to coax me into bed. Once there she plays with my breast and tongues my clit as I come over and over again. We met at an outdoor women's music festival--she was playing a dulcimer and singing folk songs. We sang in harmony and went into a meadow with the sun shining, the cool breeze and soft grasses all around us. Her hair is as soft as Rapunzel's. I am passionately grateful for her giving nature, and enjoy giving her many wonderful orgasms."

"She has long black flowing hair and beautiful large breasts. She thinks the world of me and I of her. We hug and our breasts melt into each other. We kiss and our lips caress each other. We touch and never tire of each other."

"I see her standing alone across the dance floor. She is eyeing me as I her. I slowly walk up to her and ask her to dance. She says yes and we move into each other and onto the floor. She is warm and soft and smells of roses. Time stands still yet races through the night. I ask her to come to my place and she does. We sip wine in front of the fireplace and begin to fondle each other. After our clothes are off, we slide our bodies together, rubbing breast to breast, pussy to pussy. We climax together and fall gently into sleep."

"My fantasy begins by finding the woman of my dreams--a curvy, soft feminine woman with dark hair and green eyes. We are given lots of money to travel across the globe. Our first stop is Hawaii. We go to the island of Kawai, where we find a secluded beach. Under a large palm tree we have a picnic and each other. We start by hugging, caressing, kissing, touching, feeling....we slowly remove our clothes, kissing every part as it is exposed. I kiss her lips, her neck, suck gently on each breast, lick her stomach and make my way down to her sweet pussy. I dive into it and she groans in ecstasy. After orgasming several times, she gets up and goes down on me. Later we hold each other, kissing and stroking, and start again."

"Spending the whole weekend together in a tiny double bed with not a care in the world and nothing to do but share each other's bodies and spirits in any and every way we can think of."

"A sunny, lazy afternoon, lying on a satin blanket, in a garden with many wonderful smelling flowers on my estate. She and I have just massaged each other with oil. We snack on lobster, artichoke hearts, and champagne, as we make slow and delicious snacks of each other."

"She caresses me, her hands sliding down my body, coming finally to the opening of my soul. She feeds my hunger, building to a climax of ecstasy. Her femaleness engulfing me, gentle yet savage."

"Being with a woman I had admired in our working situation. One evening after completing a project we went into her hotel room. A rapid succession of actions found us in her bed in a variety of positions. She was 43 years my senior and never surpassed."

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INTIMACY WORKSHOP

A dynamic, one day workshop exploring your innermost issues surrounding intimacy. What is it? How to we find or create it? Why is it such a difficult thing to deal with--even (or especially) when we have it!

Facilitated by: Bi Center Staff
When: Saturday, March 31st
Time: 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM
Place: The Bi Center
Cost: $25 for members; $40 non-members

Preregister by March 20th by sending payment to the center, ATTN: David Lourea.

EASTER BRUNCH POTLUCK

Come celebrate this day with old friends and new. Bring one of your favorite dishes or drinks to share. Champagne punch will be provided.

Date: Sunday, April 22nd
Time: 11 AM
Place: Autumn's, 846 14th St.
(near Sanchez & Waller)
864-2766
Donation: $2 members; $4 nonmembers

MOTHERTONGUE AT VALENCIA ROSE

The Mothertongue Readers Theatre will be presenting their women and sexuality script "Did you come or fake it?" at Valencia Rose March 30 and 31 (Friday and Saturday) at 8 PM; $5-$8 sliding scale. Signed for the hearing impaired <u>only</u> on March 30.

POLITICALLY INCORRECT PERVERSIONS

by Tom Mapp

How do we, as new age single people, find others with similar goals, similar lifestyle, perhaps meshing interests? Of course, there is the usual mode of meeting people in the course of our activities, such as at work or in the course of recreations. Friends might introduce us to other friends. There are the matchmaking services, computerized dating among them. Then there are personal ads in newspapers.

Recently a time and energy committment which I had made completed itself and I eagerly looked around for my next intense experiences. I have had the idea for years that I wanted to be in a loving relationship in a small group setting. We would all love each other and live together, sharing ourselves in all ways possible. In the meantime, I have been in several coupled relationships; all had their positive aspects but all were lacking in this group idea. That concept is one I have found that I share with a small minority of the populace. I am in a minority, just as I was already for having loving feelings for other men.

At any rate, I decided to put out a personal ad asking for what I wanted. Imagine my surprise when I found out that, according to one local newspaper at least, asking to meet couples who are interested in including another in their relationship is not OK. My ad seemed innocuous to me: Here it is as submitted:

Bi Man Seeks Couple, Group

Idealistic and obtainable goal: love. Friendship first. My fantasies include relationships with both women and men, separately and together. Me--slim, attractive, 6', blondish, bearded, athletic, young 36. I am spiritual, feminist, into personal growth, bicycling, SciFi, dancing, backpacking...repulsed by tobacco and drugs. Multiples, singles, write Tom, Guardian Box.....

Is that really disgusting to anyone? I did not even mention sex. But the editor wanted me to remove any direct request for a multiple-person relationship. To be removed were "Couple, Group" in the title, "Multiples, singles" in the last sentence, and even the word "fantasies" had to go (the suggested substitution: "goals").

I amicably negotiated the changes, but felt strange about this episode, especially in retrospect. Relationships between men and women are OK, as are relationships between women and women and between men and men. But there is a taboo against breaking the norm of coupledom.

Here, it appears, is yet another way that I differ from the average. "It's because of your moon in Acquarius," a friend told me. I am left shaking my head, wondering how long we humans will repress each other for our harmless, but perhaps politically incorrect, "perversions."

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(Ed. You're not the only one, Tom. My ad was rejected as submitted, for similar reasons. I apparently also committed the sin of intimating I wanted more than one partner at a time, which was definitely not my intention (but sounds interesting on further thought!); they had me change the wording from men and women to men or women. They also didn't like my desiring nonexclusive pleasures (apparently pleasure is out at the Guardian these days) and had me change it to relationships. So much for reality...guess I'll try Coming Up next time.)

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Darlings,

One of the great pleasures of 1983 has been getting to know some of the people who work with the Bi Center. If I had merely met these delightful individuals in a different context I would consider my life enriched, but learning about the Bi Center has also been a treat.

In developing the growth of a Bisexual community and a greater awareness of bisexuality, the Bi Center is performing a valuable service, not only for the many bisexuals among us, but also for gays, lesbians and straights.

For bisexuals, the benefits of the Bi Center may be obvious; as a community center, as a place for validation, support, nurturance and acceptance.

But even for those who are not bisexual, the Bi Center is also a valuable asset, serving as an educational resource. In educating the public about bisexuality the people of the Bi Center also provide hetero- and homosexuals with greater insights and understanding of their own sexuality. In this the Bi Center offers a special quality of love, freedom and wisdom for all.

I would be very proud to be part of such an organization so here is my check with this request for membership in the Bi Center.

Most sincerely yours,

Jack Fertig
(Sister Boom Boom, SPI)

Community Bulletin Board

TUESDAY RAP

Our Tuesday rap group remains what the name implies...a meeting place to discuss issues relating to your present or recent experiences, and not for therapy or problem-solving. If you would like support for your feelings around bisexuality or any other subject, this is the place to ask for it. Starting at 7:30 and going until about 10, we ask for a donation of from $3-$5.

CLOSED SUPPORT GROUP FOR MEN & WOMEN

Beginning Thursday, March 8th and continuing each Thursday evening for ten sessions, this group will deal with explicit sexual issues around health, STD's, dysfunctions, and myths, concerned with being sexual in the 1980's. At the Bi Center; sliding fee scale. This is a closed group facilitated by Cliff Heaphy and Jamie Nadel; further information or enrollment may be obtained by calling 285-3359.

A.A. GROUP

Sponsored by a local group of Alcoholics Anonymous, the "Bi Bye Booze" group meets each Monday night at the Bi Center from 7:00 to 8:00. New members are welcome.

NEWSLETTER

The deadline for submission of articles and announcements for the next Bi Monthly is Sunday, April 22nd. Please leave all materials in the folder at the Center labeled "Newsletter" or call Nate at 235-7179. He will be at the Center on the above date between 9 AM and 12 PM. If possible, please submit materials as early as possible so that preliminary work may be completed before the above date.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Beginning in March, the format for our Wednesday nights will change. The first and third Wednesdays of each month will have a topic and/or presentation, and the second and fourth will be an open rap similar to the Tuesdays. Here is the schedule for the theme nights:

March 7th: Games night
March 21st: Facts & Myths about VD
April 4th: Singalong
April 18th: Bi Men talk to Bi Women

A small donation will be asked of non-members.

PARADE COMMITTEE FORMING

Help support the Bi Center's participation in this year's Lesbian/Gay/Bi Freedom Day Parade by joining our own parade committee. We will meet to plan for fundraising and booth construction. Come socialize and help the Center get ready for the parade. Meeting times so far planned are Sunday, March 18 and Sunday, April 15 at the Center, 7:00 PM. Call Autumn if you can't make it or would like more info, at 929-9299.

BI POL MEETINGS

Bi Pol is a Bi, Lesbian, Gay independent political action group. Come join our monthly general membership meeting Fridays, March 16 and April 20, at 1757 Hayes St. 5:30 PM. Space donated by the Bisexual Counseling Service.

SAN FRANCISCO SEX INFORMATION TRAINING

The 1984 spring training course for San Francisco Sex Information will begin on April 14th. Many of the Center's people have taken the training and besides enriching their own lives, give to others the knowledge they learn by volunteering one three hour shift a week for six months on the telephones. Further information may be obtained at the Center, or by calling 665-7300 weekdays from 3-9 PM.

ASSISTANT SOCIAL DIRECTOR FOUND

Special thanks go to Jerry Roderick for volunteering to help with the planning and facilitating of the Bi Center's social events. His energy will be deeply appreciated.

BISEXUAL MARRIED WOMEN

We are two bisexual married women who are interested in forming a rap/social group of Bi married women to get together once a month at the Bi Center. If you are interested, please either call the Bi Center and leave a message as to how you can be reached, or write to the Bi Center, ATTN: Sara and Liz. If there is enough interest, we will get back to you.

DOUBLE VISION

To meet other Bi's by way of personal "word portraits," send $3.75 for a sample copy to Double Vision, P.O. Box 1107, Richmond CA. 94802

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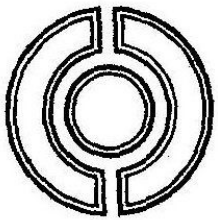

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